

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 1, 3, 6-7, 10-23, 25, 27-29, 31-40, 42-71, and 73-83 are currently pending in this application. Claims 1, 6, 7, 10, 11, 23, 25, 27, 28, 29, 31, 40, 54, 55, and 70 are currently amended. Claims 2, 4-5, 8-9, 24, 30, 41, and 72 have been cancelled and Claim 83 has been added to this application.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants would like to acknowledge and thank Examiner Marcelo for his indication that claims 57-69 and 76-82 are allowed over the art of record. The Applicants would also like to acknowledge and thank the Examiner for his indication that claims 5, 6, 8-10, 19, 20, 22, 24, 25, 27, 30, 31, 41-43, 45, 54-56, and 72-75 contain allowable subject matter.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 1-4, 7, 11-18, 21, 23, 26, 28, 29, 32-40, 44, 46-53, 70 and 71 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Walker (British Patent no. 1,327,954). This rejection has been obviated by appropriate amendment.

Independent Claim 1 has been amended the allowable subject matter of dependent claim 5 and includes all of the claim limitations of that claim. Therefore, Claim 1 now includes a chassis and a wiper blade that are removably attached to one another by means of coordinating an opening in the chassis with a button on the wiper blade. Walker does not disclose a wiper assembly as described and claimed by Applicants. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the rejection as to claims 1 and 3, as well as the objection to claim 6 be withdrawn.

Independent Claim 7 has been amended the allowable subject matter of dependent claim 8 and includes all of the claim limitations of that claim. Therefore, Claim 7 now includes a chassis that is mounted to a wipes dispenser by coordinating a collar on the chassis with a post on the wipes dispenser. Walker does not disclose an

assembly as described and claimed in Claim 7. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the rejection as to Claim 7 be withdrawn.

Claim 83 has been added to this application to incorporate the allowable subject matter, as indicated by the Examiner, from dependent claim 9. As such it and all of its dependent claims, 10-22, are allowable. Applicants therefore respectfully request the rejections and objections with regard to such claims be withdrawn.

Independent Claim 23 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of dependent claim 24 and includes all of the claim limitations of that claims. Therefore, in light of this rejection, Applicants respectfully request the rejection as to claim 23 be withdrawn. Similarly, allowable dependent Claims 25 and 27 have been put into independent format, including all of the limitations of the intervening claims. As such claims 25, 27, and 28 are allowable and all objections as to these claims is respectfully requested to be withdrawn.

Independent Claim 29 has been amended to include the limitations of allowable dependent claim 30. As such it and all of its dependent claims, 31-39, are now in condition to be allowed. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request the rejections and objections with regard to such claims be withdrawn.

Independent Claim 40 has been amended to include the limitations of allowable dependent claim 41. As such it and all of its dependent claims, 42-53, are now in condition to be allowed. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request the rejections and objections with regard to such claims be withdrawn.

Dependent Claim 54 has been rewritten in independent format and thus, as indicated by the Examiner in his previous office action of May 19, 2004, is now in condition for allowance. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request the objections with regard to this claim be withdrawn.

Dependent Claim 55 has been rewritten in independent format and thus, as indicated by the Examiner in his previous office action of May 19, 2004, is now in condition for allowance. As such, Claim 56, which depends from Claim 55, is also in


condition for allowance. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request the objections with regard to these claims be withdrawn.

Independent Claim 70 has been amended to include the limitations of Claim 72. As indicated by the Examiner, Claim 72 would have been allowable if rewritten in independent format. As such, claim 72 has been cancelled and Claims 70-71 and 73-75 are now in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request the rejections and objections with regard to these claims be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, all of the grounds raised in the present Office Action for rejecting the application are believed to be overcome or rendered moot based on the amendments and remarks above. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that all of the presently presented claims are in form for allowance, and such action is requested in due course. Should the Examiner feel a discussion would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,


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